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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: DEPLOYED MILITARY QUALIFY FOR PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL

Starting today, Oahu residents will receive their real property tax bills from the City, which averages a 28% increase over last year's property tax bills. Councilmember Djou's office reminds military personnel that the City offers a deferral of payment on real property tax bill to individuals in the National Guard or military reserves who are called to active duty in the service of our country.

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, Hawaii Kai) stated, "Residents in the Reserve or National Guard called to active duty may be deployed and be out of state for 18 months or more, often making it difficult for these individuals or their families to pay their property taxes in a timely manner. Sometimes families left behind must make ends meet despite a reduction in pay and an increase in household expenses. As a result of legislation I authored, I am pleased that the City now offers up to a 180-day deferral on payment of real property tax bills for deployed reservists and national guardsmen."

Ordinance 04-44, introduced by Councilmember Djou, grants up to a 180-day deferral of payment after the date the property owner's active duty is terminated. Requests for deferral of payment can be submitted anytime by transmitting a letter to the City Treasury Department along with a copy of deployment orders. Outside of the City Council, Councilmember Djou serves as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and is the only elected official in Honolulu government with military experience.

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